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April 23, 2012

#### **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Radiochemical Results for

Dimock Residential Groundwater Site Samples

FROM:

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TO:

Fred Foreman, Chief

Technical Services, Region 3

Attached is a data package for thorium analysis of samples collected from the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site in Dimock, PA. The samples constitute NAREL batch number 1200002.

Radiochemical analyses usually require the subtraction of an instrument background measurement from a gross sample measurement. Both values are positive, but when the sample activity is low, random variations in the two measurements can cause the gross value to be less than the background, resulting in a measured activity less than zero. Although negative activities have no physical significance, they do have statistical significance, as for example in the evaluation of trends or the comparison of two groups of samples.

For all analyses, it is the policy of NAREL to report results as generated, whether positive, negative, or zero, together with the 2-sigma measurement uncertainty and a sample-specific estimate of the minimum detectable concentration (MDC). The activity, uncertainty, and MDC are given in the same units.

Specific information concerning all aspects of the radiological analysis of the samples is contained in the batch case narratives of the data packages. If you have any questions concerning the analytical results, please contact me at (334)270-7052.

Attachments

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## U.S.ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NATIONAL AIR AND RADIATION ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY 540 S. MORRIS AVE., MONTGOMERY, AL 36115 TH ANALYSES

#### REPORT OF SAMPLE DELIVERY GROUP #1200002

Project:

Dimock Residential GW Site, Dimock, PA

Analysis method:

Actinides (Thorium) by Extraction Chromatography

Report ID:

1200002-TH

Report type: Date reported: Original 04/19/2012

Total pages in report:

21

#### **SAMPLES**

NAREL Sample #	Client Sample ID	Location	Matrix	Date Collected	Date Received
B2.02559T	FB19	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/05/2012	03/07/2012
B2.02560K	HW56	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/05/2012	03/07/2012
B2.02561L	HW60	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/05/2012	03/07/2012
B2.02617K	FB20	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/06/2012	03/08/2012
B2.02618L	HW61	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/06/2012	03/08/2012
B2.02619M	HW61Z	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/06/2012	03/08/2012
B2.02675W	FB21	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/08/2012	03/09/2012
B2.02676X	HW50	PA:DIMOCK	WATER-DRINKING	03/08/2012	03/09/2012

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

- 1. Packaging and shipping No problems were observed.
- 2. Documentation No problems were observed.
- 3. Sample preparation No problems were encountered.
- 4. Analysis The samples in this SDG were reanalyzed as a result of a laboratory duplicate failure. The results of the reanalyses are reported in this data package.
- 5. Holding times No holding times were specified.

### QUALITY CONTROL

- 1. **QC samples** All QC analysis results met NAREL acceptance criteria except the LCS result which was slightly above the upper warning criterion.
- 2. Yields All chemical yields were within acceptance limits.
- Instruments Response and background checks for all instruments used in these analyses met NAREL
  acceptance criteria.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this data report complies with the terms and conditions of the Quality Assurance Project Plan, except as noted above. Release of the data contained in this report has been authorized by the Director of the Center for Environmental Radioanalytical Laboratory Science and the NAREL Quality Assurance Manager, or their designees, as verified by the following signatures.

John G. Griggs, Ph.D.

Date

Director, Center for Environmental Radioanalytical

Laboratory Science

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### SAMPLE TYPES

BLD Blind sample FBK Field blank SAM Normal sample

#### ANALYSIS QC TYPES

ANA Normal analysis
DUP Laboratory duplicate

LCS Laboratory control sample (blank spike)

MS Matrix spike

MSD Matrix spike duplicate

RBK Method blank

#### QUALITY INDICATORS

RPD Relative Percent Difference

%R Percent Recovery

Z Number of standard deviations by which a QC measurement differs from the expected value

#### EVALUATION OF QC ANALYSES

A method blank result is considered unacceptable if it is more than 3 standard deviations below zero or more than 3 standard deviations above a predetermined upper control limit. For some analyses NAREL has set the upper control limit at zero. For others the control limit is a small positive number.

NAREL evaluates the results of duplicate and spike analyses using "Z scores." A Z score is the number of standard deviations by which the QC result differs from its ideal value. The score is considered acceptable if its absolute value is not greater than 3.

The Z score for a spiked sample is computed by dividing the difference between the measured value and the target value by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference.

The Z score for a duplicate analysis is computed by dividing the difference between the two measured values by the combined standard uncertainty of the difference. When the precision of paired MS/MSD analyses is evaluated, the native sample activity is subtracted from each measured value and the net concentrations are then converted to total activities before the Z score is computed.

Each standard uncertainty used to compute a Z score includes an additional fixed term to represent sources of measurement error other than counting error. This additional term is not used in the evaluation of reagent blanks.

NAREL reports the "relative percent difference," or RPD, between duplicate results and the "percent recovery," or %R, for spiked analyses, but does not use these values for evaluation.

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#### SDG #1200002

### **ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

Analysis Procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Title:

Actinides (Thorium) by Extraction Chromatography

NAREL Sample #	QC Type	Preparation Procedure	Date Completed	·Assay Batch #	QC Batch #
B2.02559T		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02560K		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02561L		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02561L	DUP	N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02617K		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02618L		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02619M		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02675W		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
B2.02676X		N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
LCS-00635836R *	LCS	N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H
RBK-00635835Q *	RBK	N/A	04/18/2012	0015899H	0008652H

<sup>\*</sup> Samples marked with an asterisk are not in this sample delivery group but were analyzed with it for QC purposes.

## PREPARATION METHOD(S) USED

Procedure ID	litle

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#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02559T

WATER-DRINKING

QC batch #:

0008652H

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Matrix: Sample type:

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Amount analyzed:

SAM

Prep procedure: Analysis procedure: N/A

Dry/wet weight:

2.500e-01 L N/A

Analyst:

AS ANA

Ash/dry weight:

N/A N/A QC type:

Sample description: Comment:

Aqueous

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time .	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS73	RCL

#### ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	-1.21e-02	4.2e-02	1.2e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	-3.37e-03	5.7e-02	1.2e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	1.15e-01	7.8e-02	8.4e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	-3.37e-03	4.0e-02	9.3e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

Original

### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02560K

QC batch #:

0008652H

Matrix:

.

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Sample type:

Comment:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed: Dry/wet weight:

2.500e-01 L N/A Analysis procedure: Analyst:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Ash/dry weight:

N/A N/A Analyst: QC type:

AS ANA

Sample description:

N/A N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS74	RCL

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	3.03e-02	6.5e-02	1.0e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	0.00e+00	3.2e-02	7.3e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	8.15e-02	6.6e-02	7.3e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	3.39e-03	3.9e-02	8.4e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

### SDG #1200002

### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix:

B2.02561L

WATER-DRINKING

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QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0008652H 0015899H

Sample type:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L N/A Analysis procedure: Analyst: NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight: Ash/dry weight:

N/A N/A

QC type:

AS ANA

Sample description: Comment: N/A N/A N/A

COUNTING INFORMATION

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS77	RCL

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	0.00e+00	4.8e-02	9.8e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	4.22e-02	6.5e-02	1.0e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	2.54e-02	6.8e-02	1.3e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	5.49e-02	6.4e-02	8.3e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02561L

WATER-DRINKING

QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0008652H

Matrix: Sample type:

SAM

0015899H

Amount analyzed:

Prep procedure: Analysis procedure: N/A NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

2.500e-01 L N/A

Analyst: QC type:

AS DUP

Ash/dry weight: Sample description: N/A N/A

Comment: N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS80	RCL

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	0.00e+00	5.6e-02	1.3e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	6.70e-03	6.0e-02	1.2e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	2.35e-02	4.2e-02	6.6e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	-1.00e-02	2.4e-02	7.2e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2,02617K

WATER-DRINKING

QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0008652H 0015899H

Matrix: Sample type:

SAM

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L

Prep procedure: Analysis procedure: N/A NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst:

AS

Ash/dry weight:

N/A N/A

QC type:

ANA

Sample description: Comment:

Aqueous

### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS81	RCL

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	-1.45e-02	5.0e-02	1.4e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	2.02e-02	6.5e-02	1.2e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	6.89e-02	6.5e-02	7.0e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	1.62e-02	4.4e-02	8.0e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02618L

WATER-DRINKING

QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0008652H

Matrix: Sample type:

SAM

0015899H

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L

Prep procedure: Analysis procedure: N/A NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type:

AS ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description: N/A N/A

Comment: N/A

### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS82	RCL

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	-7.91e-03	5.2e-02	1.4e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	-1.77e-02	5.5e-02	1.4e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	9.31e-02	7.6e-02	5.7e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	2.65e-02	4.7e-02	5.7e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02619M

QC batch #:

0008652H

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Sample type:

Comment:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L

Analysis procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: AS ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

N/A N/A N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

	Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	. Operator
ĺ	04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS83	RCL

#### ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	-6.96e-03	4.6e-02	1.2e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	1.17e-02	5.1e-02	1.0e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	7.80e-03	3.5e-02	6.7e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	2.73e-02	4.9e-02	7.7e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

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## SDG #1200002

## SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #: Matrix:

B2.02675W

WATER-DRINKING

QC batch #: Assay batch #: 0008652H

Sample type:

SAM

Prep procedure:

0015899H

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L .

Analysis procedure:

N/A NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: AS ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description: N/A N/A

Comment:

Aqueous

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS84	RCL

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	2.19e-02	6.4e-02	9.5e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	8.19e-03	5.4e-02	1.1e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	9.02e-02	7.5e-02	8.1e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	4.91e-02	5.6e-02	5.3e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

B2.02676X

QC batch #:

0008652H

Matrix:

WATER-DRINKING

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Sample type:

SAM

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

2.500e-01 L

Analysis procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: AS ANA

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

N/A N/A

Comment:

N/A

#### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS85	RCL

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	2.35e-02	6.8e-02	1.0e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	-2.19e-02	3.4e-02	1.1e-01	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	5.70e-02	6.6e-02	8.6e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	8.75e-03	3.9e-02	7.5e-02	PCI/L	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

#### SDG #1200002

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

LCS-00635836R

QC batch #:

0008652H

Matrix:

N/A

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Sample type:

N/A

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

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Analysis procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type:

AS LCS

Ash/dry weight:

N/A

Sample description: Comment:

N/A N/A

### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS86	RCL

## ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Analyte	Activity	±2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	0.00e+00	1.2e-02	2.4e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	5.17e-03	1.7e-02	3.2e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	2.88e+00	2.2e-01	1.3e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	1.24e-02	1.4e-02	1.3e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

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#### SDG #1200002

### SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample #:

Comment:

RBK-00635835Q

QC batch #:

0008652H

Matrix:

N/A

Assay batch #:

0015899H

Sample type:

N/A

Prep procedure:

N/A

Amount analyzed:

1.000e+00 SAMP

Analysis procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

Dry/wet weight:

N/A

Analyst: QC type: AS **RBK** 

Ash/dry weight: Sample description:

N/A N/A N/A

### **COUNTING INFORMATION**

Date and time	Duration (min)	Detector ID	Operator
04/17/2012 15:43	1000.0	AS87	RCL

Analyte	Activity	± 2 σ Uncertainty	MDC	Unit	Date
Th227	-3.49e-03	1.2e-02	3.4e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th228	9.78e-03	1.5e-02	2.4e-02	PCI	· 04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th230	1.17e-02	1.5e-02	2.1e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT
Th232	8.80e-03	1.2e-02	1.3e-02	PCI	04/17/2012 10:00 CDT

## SDG 1200002

## **QC BATCH SUMMARY**

QC batch #:

0008652H

Preparation procedure:

N/A

Analysis procedure:

NAREL TH-EICHROM

NAREL Sample #	QC Type	Yield (%)	±2 σ Uncertainty (%)	Analyst
B2.02559T		92.46 %	2.47 %	AS
B2.02560K		90.62 %	2,45 %	AS
B2.02561L		89.99 %	2.39 %	AS
B2.02561L	DUP	90.28 %	2.41 %	AS
B2.02617K		93.55 %	2.51 %	AS
B2.02618L		86.41 %	2.32 %	AS
B2,02619M	1	98.02 %	2.57 %	AS
B2.02675W	}	93.65 %	2.49 %	AS
B2.02676X	]	89.63 %	2.39 %	AS
LCS-00635836R *	LCS	95.81 %	2.52 %	AS
RBK-00635835Q *	RBK	98.05 %	2.59 %	AS

<sup>\*</sup> Samples marked with an asterisk are not in this sample delivery group but were analyzed with it for QC purposes.

## National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory QC Batch Report

QC Batch #: 0008652H

Analytical Method: NAREL TH-EICHROM

#### METHOD BLANKS (PCI)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Activity:	± 2σ	Prep Date	Flags
00635835Q 00635835Q 00635835Q 00635835Q	TH227 TH228 TH230 TH232	9.78e-03 : 1.17e-02 :	1.5e-02 1.5e-02	2012-04-17 2012-04-17 2012-04-17 2012-04-17	OK OK

#### LABORATORY DUPLICATES (PCI/L)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Original ± 2σ	Duplicate ± 2σ	RPD	Z
B2.02561L B2.02561L B2.02561L B2.02561L	TH227 TH228 TH230 TH232	4.22e-02 ± 6.5e-02 2.54e-02 ± 6.8e-02	0.00e+00 ± 5.6e-02 6.70e-03 ± 6.0e-02 2.35e-02 ± 4.2e-02 -1.00e-02 ± 2.4e-02	145.25 7.79	0.00 OK -0.80 OK -0.05 OK -1.90 OK

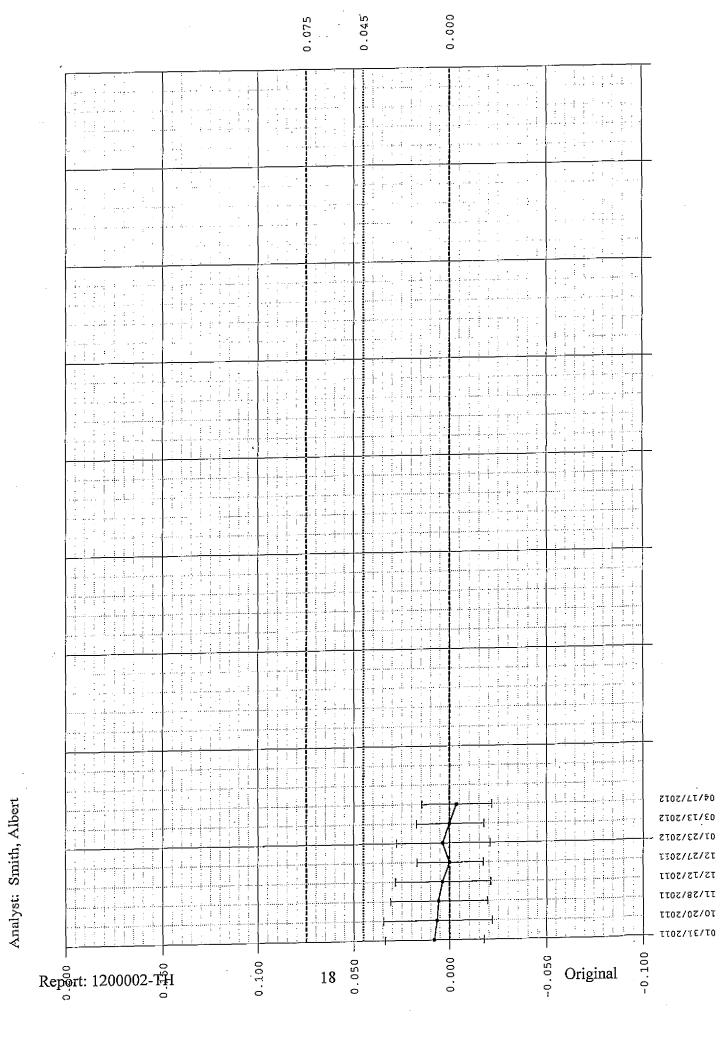
#### LAB CONTROL SAMPLES (PCI)

Sample ID	Nuclide	Amt Added ± 20	Measured ± 2σ	<b>%</b> 3	Z
00635836R 00635836R	TH227 TH228 TH230 TH232	NO SPIKE DATA NO SPIKE DATA 2.54e+00 ± 2.2% NO SPIKE DATA	2.88e+00 ± 2.2e-01	113.68	3.01 HIGH

Analyst:

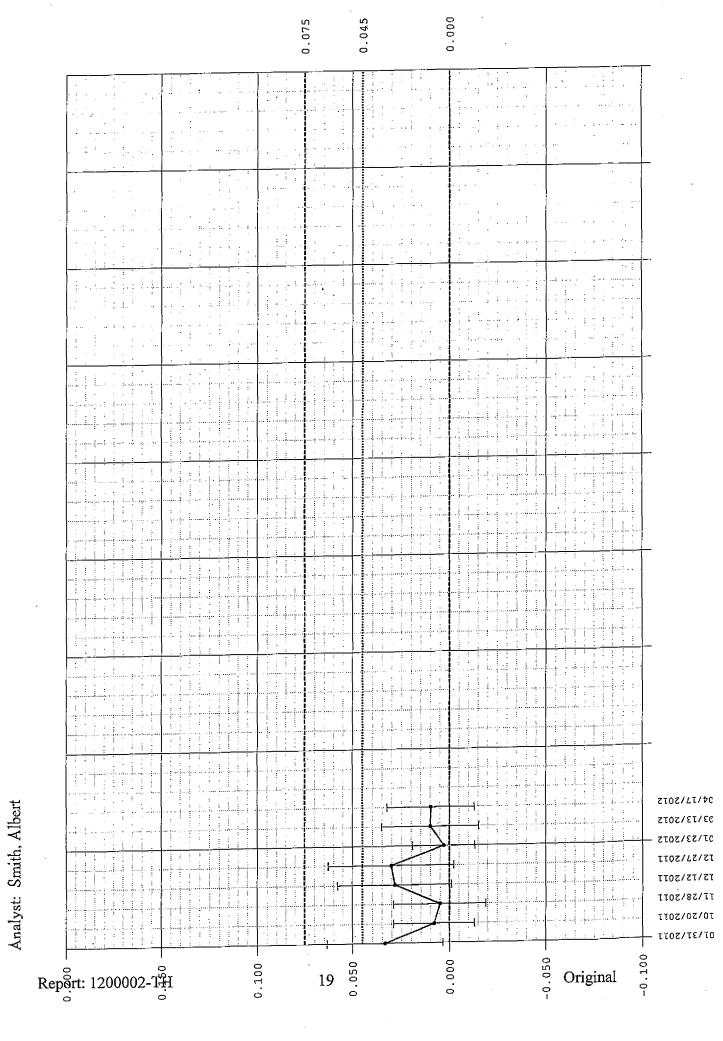
QA Officer:

LCS failed-Sarely. Kom 4/18/12



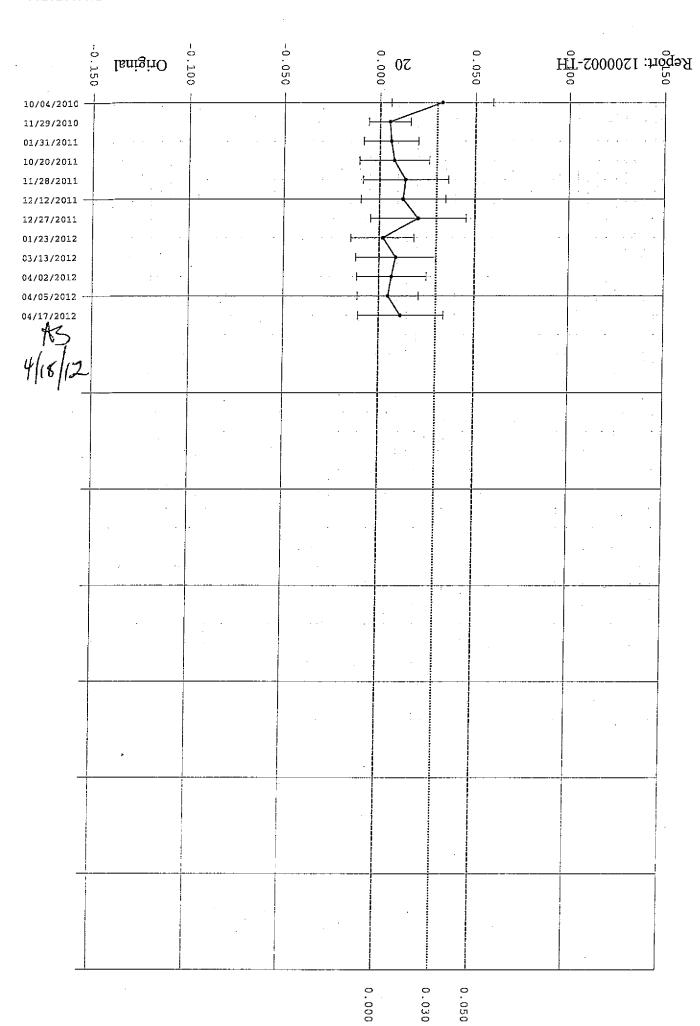
Method: NAREL TH-EICHROM

Method Blanks Analyte: TH227



Method: NAREL TH-EICHROM

Method Blanks Analyte: TH228



Method Blanks
Analyte: TH230

Analyte: 1H230
Method: NAREL TH-EICHROM

Analyst: Smith, Albert

Method Blanks

Analyte: TH232

Method: NAREL TH-EICHROM

Analyst: Smith, Albert

